

Amendments to the Specification

Amend the paragraph bridging pages 15 and 16 (page 15, line 22 through page 16, line 2) to read as follows:

The supporting rings 100, 102 (~~Schmitz~~ bearer rings) are, in a variation of one embodiment, arranged on a respective expansion member 240 which surrounds the respective tool shaft 82 in the form of an expansion member ring and is seated with a contact surface 242 associated with the tool shaft 82 on a circumferential surface 244 of the respective tool shaft 82 and is supported by this in a radial direction in relation to the axis of rotation 84.

Amend the second full paragraph on page 5 (page 5, lines 11-17) to read as follows:

In a variation of one embodiment, the cutting tool is provided with supporting rings, by means of which this can be supported in relation to the anvil roller and/or vice versa. A supporting ring which is also designated as a ~~Schmitz~~ bearer ring has a supporting effect for the cutting tool in relation to an anvil roller. The cutting tool may be advanced towards the anvil roller by means of supporting rings to such an extent that an adequate cutting effect is still given even with maximum cutting forces.

Amend the second paragraph on page 13 (page 13, lines 8-17) to read as follows:

In order to determine a small distance between the respectively cooperating cutting sections 92s and anvil surface sections 76s or a so-called slight touching thereof in a defined manner, the rotating cutting tool 80 is provided with two non-rotatably connected supporting rings (~~Schmitz~~ bearer rings) 100 and 102 which are arranged, for example, on either side of the cutting edge 92 coaxially to the axis of rotation 84 and thereby have supporting ring surfaces 104 and 106, respectively, which are arranged, for example,

cylindrically to the axis of rotation 84 and rest on supporting surfaces 108 and 110 of the anvil roller 70, wherein the supporting surfaces 108 and 110 can, for example, be formed by sections of the anvil surface 76.